



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Peter J. IANNIELLO)) Atty. Dkt:)
Invention: COLOR CODING OF GEOTEXTILES AND GEOCOM-) 29641-083002)
POSITES FOR USE IN LAMINATE STRUCTURES)
Filed: AND OTHER GEOTECHNICAL APPLICATIONS) December 1, 2004)
Sept. 9, 2003))
Serial No:)) Examiner: Saldano)
10/668,369)) Art Unit: 3673)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In connection with the above-captioned application, applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2004, the period for response to which is hereby extended two months until December 21, 2004, by payment of the enclosed fee under Rule 117 (a)(4). Applicant is a small entity.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. In the Restriction Requirement, Examiner Saldano recites four groups of claims, Groups I-IV. Group I includes Claims 27-29; Group II includes Claims 30-32; Group III includes Claims 33-36; Group IV includes Claims 37 and 38. Nowhere in the Official Action are mentioned Claims 1-26.

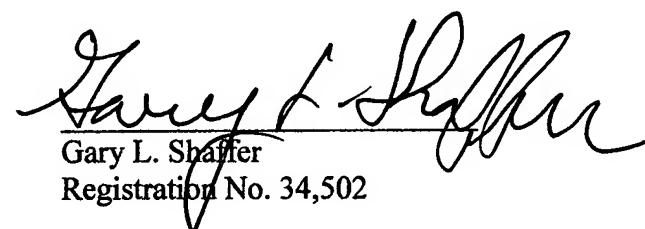
In two telephone discussions with Examiner Saldano, it became apparent that the omission of mention of Claims 1-26 was inadvertent, and that the Examiner intended to include Claims 1-26 in each of Groups I-IV. Thus, the correct statement of the properly constituted Restriction Groups is as follows: Group I includes Claims 1-29; Group II includes Claims 1-26 and 30-32; Group III includes Claims 1-26 and 33-36; Group IV includes Claims 1-26 and 37 and 38.

Accordingly, applicant elects Claims 1-26 and 30-32 of Group II for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse. Moreover, this election is made without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more Divisional or Continuing Applications regarding the subject matter of the application and claims as filed. Thus, **the claims of properly constituted Group II, Claims 1-26 and 30-32 are presented for examination.** Claims 27-29 and 33-36 are thus withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to applicant's right to file one or more Divisional or Continuing Applications regarding the subject matter of the application and claims as filed.

If Examiner Saldano has questions about the present election, or if any matter in the present application can be resolved by telephone, she is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-642-5435.

Respectfully submitted,

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